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Amendments to the claims

Please amend claims 1, 8, 12 and 16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of control of at least one two electronic appliances with the aid of a remote device comprising means of control and a means of selection of an appliance from a plurality of appliances, wherein the method comprises the steps:
 - programming at least one two associations between a at least two means of control and at least one two appliances of said plurality of appliances,
 - activating the device in a first mode where the appliance selected by the means of selection is controlled by the means of control according to associations that are not programmed during the step of programming,
 - activating the device in a second mode wherein ~~several~~ at least two appliances are continuously controlled by the means of ~~selection~~ control according to the associations performed during the programming step, said activating in the second mode being triggered by inputting a command on the means of selection, and
 - re-activating the device in a first mode by inputting a new command on the means of selection.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method comprises a step of commanding associations during the programming step prohibiting the programming of prohibited associations.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of control as claimed in claim 2, wherein an attempt to program a prohibited association triggers the transmission of an alert signal.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method comprises a step of displaying a visual identifier of an appliance, the visual identifier of an appliance being displayed when the device is in the second mode and when a user activates a means of control associated with the appliance.

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5. (Previously Presented) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the programming step comprises selecting an appliance and selecting several means of control, the means of control being associated with the selected appliance.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the programming step comprises selecting a means of control and selecting several appliances the selected appliances being associated with the means of control.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of control as claimed in claim 1, wherein the programming step makes it possible to define at least one set of associations, and wherein the method comprises a step of selecting a set of associations making it possible to activate the set when the device is in the second mode.

8. (Currently Amended) A device for remote control of ~~a plurality of~~ at least two electronic appliances, comprising means of control and a means of selection of an appliance from ~~among the~~ a plurality of electronic appliances, each means of control being associated with a code predefined in the device,

wherein said device comprises:

- a means of programming at least two associations between at least ~~one~~ two means of control and at least ~~one~~ two appliances amongst the plurality of appliances,

- a means of activation of the device in a first mode wherein the appliance selected by the means of selection is controlled by the means of control according to associations that are not programmed during the programming by the means of programming, the activating of the device in the first mode being triggered by inputting a command on the means of selection,

- a means of activation of the device in a second mode wherein the programmed associations are activated and wherein ~~several~~ at least two appliances are continuously controlled by the means of control according to the associations performed by the programming means, the activating of the device

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in a second mode being triggered by inputting a command on the means of selection.

9. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means of programming comprises a means of commanding the associations prohibiting the programming of prohibited associations.

10. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control device comprises a means of transmitting a visual or audible alert signal during an attempt to program a prohibited association.

11. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the control device comprises a means of display of an identifier of the appliance, said means being activated when a means of control associated with the appliance is activated.

12. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the control device comprises a the means of display of an identifier of the appliance, the means of display being is integrated into the means of selection of an appliance.

13. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means of programming selects at least one appliance from the plurality of appliances and then specifies keys of the control means that are associated with the selected appliance.

14. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the programming means selects a key of the means of control to be programmed and then selects appliances to be associated with the selected key.

15. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the control device comprises a touch screen displaying the permitted associations.

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16. (Currently Amended) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the control device comprises a means of selection of at least one set of associations, the programming means being adapted to program the set of associations selected by said means of selection, and in that the means of activation activates only the associations of the selected set.

17. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means of selection of an appliance comprises a switch including as many positions as appliances to be commanded plus a position activating the programmed associations.

18. (Previously Presented) The control device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the means of selection of a set of associations comprises a switch including as many positions as sets, the means of selecting sets being activated when the means of selection of an appliance is in the position activating the associations.